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Letter dated 22 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning the latest developments between the Republic of Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 79, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Press release of 19 November 1993 issued by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was taken by great surprise by the latest statements issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Albania concerning the latest developments between the Republic of Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which have brought unfounded accusations that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is connected with the conflict concerning the relations between Macedonia and Albania alone.

As is known, official Macedonian authorities have accused Albania of providing support and assistance to the Albanian secessionist movement in Macedonia, inter alia, by supplying them with weapons. However, the accusations of Macedonia have been suppressed in the statement of the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is trying to conceal before the eyes of the world its own responsibility for their destructive support of Albanian secessionists in Macedonia.

Instead of a reply to Skopje to the serious accusations of being involved in the internal affairs of Macedonia, Tirana makes an absurd "scenario" to prove the alleged responsibility of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Albania has called upon the Macedonian Government to halt the terror against Albanians and to suppress any activity which may make it a victim of a conflict and destabilization, but it has not mentioned a word about its own responsibility for the latest developments.

Mutual accusations of Macedonia and Albania concern their relationship. However, the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is called to respond and reject the unfounded accusations from Tirana, which blames the others for its own perilous policy. As a matter of fact, Albania wishes to diminish its own responsibility for supporting the secessionist forces in Kosovo and Metohija and in Macedonia, as well as for other numerous problems which it has with neighbouring States.

The latest incidents which proved the involvement of Albania in the developments in Macedonia have confirmed the assertions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made on several occasions, that Albania constitutes a source of danger for peace in the Balkans by its instigation of separatism in Kosovo and Metohija and in Macedonia and by its open territorial claims against neighbouring countries, which serves as a screen for its policy to create "Great Albania" by the change of borders and destabilization of relations.

Such a policy of Albania is in contradiction to the efforts of the Balkan countries to create an atmosphere of confidence and cooperation and it aggravates the efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will continue, by its overall activities, to develop good-neighbourly relations with Albania and other countries in the region, which is the best way to establish lasting peace and stability in the Balkans.